Attack on Army a State Subject

2795 . SHRI SATISH CHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government consider attacks on Police Personnel, Army Personnel, Army Posts, Police Stations by ISI Agents, Naxalites, Ulfa Infiltrators as a State subject;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government will take lead to develop a plan in coordination with State Governments to crub the ever-growing menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (c) Activities of ISI, Naxalites and militants pose a threat to internal security which is an integral part of national security. The Central Government assists the State Governments, both physically and financially, to counter such activities.

Increasing violence in J and K

2796 . SHRI ANANTA SETHI : will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing violence in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the number of violent incidents that took place since 1st January till date;

(c) the number of people killed as a result thereof;

(d) the steps taken to stop such incidents and to ensure safety of the local people; and

(e) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) There have been continued efforts on the part of Pak ISI and Pro-Pak militant outfits to induct more mercenaries from across the border into J and K, with a view to escalate violence.